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Attached is a letterhead memorandum dated May 14, 1958, concerning JOSEPH RAYMOND MEROLA, wa., NEUTRALITY MATTERS. The place where made was comitted from this memorandum as additional protection to the Potential Criminal Informant SALLY CARLTON, who supplied the information and who formerly was a close associate of MEROLA in Miami, Florida, She was interviewed during a recent trip to Pittsburgh and it is possible that MEROLA might identify her as the source if it was indicated that it was obtained in Pittsburgh.

It is being left to the discretion of the Bureau whether information regarding MEROLA's alleged gun running activites shall be disseminated to the appropriate agencies. noted that MEROLA is a subject in a jewel theft investigation captioned, "CHESTER ZOCHOWSKI, was.; JOSEPH MEROLA, wa., ITSP-MAJOR THEFT," office of origin Little Rock, Bufile 87-34982. Other information relating to MEROLA furnished by PCI SALLY CARLTON being set out in cover letter enclosing a report presently in dictation in this case.

A copy of the attached memorandum is forwarded to Miami and to Little Rock for information.

MEROLA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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